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AN ORDER LAYING OUT THE GUIDELINES TO BE FOLLOWED IN PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN THE CITY OF MANDAUE

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) has considered the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) health event as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern;

WHEREAS, on the same date, Secretary Francisco T. Duque III, Secretary of Health, confirmed the first imported COVID-19 case in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, President Rodrigo R. Duterte issued Presidential Proclamation No. 922 declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines;

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the inter-agency task force for the management of infectious diseases comprised of the DOH, DFA, DILG, DOJ, DOT, DOTr and DICT issued Resolution No.II approving protocols to be observed relative to the COVID-19 outbreak that includes the suspension of land, domestic air, domestic sea travel to and from metro Manila effective midnight of March 15,2020;

WHEREAS, there is a necessity to support efforts of Metro Manila in order to suppress the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, as of March 15, 2020 there have been 140 confirmed cases of the COVID-19 as well as 11 deaths related to the disease in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, Governor Gwendolyn F. Garcia of the Province of Cebu issued Executive Order No. 5-G on the guidelines to be followed by local chief executives of municipalities and component cities of the province of Cebu;

WHEREAS, Mandaue City being an Independent City, and in order to align the efforts of the City with that of the Province of Cebu, there is a need to set forth consistent guidelines with the abovementioned executive order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JONAS C. CORTES, Mayor of the City of Mandaue, by virtue of the powers and authority vested in me by law, do hereby order and decree the following guidelines to be followed in Mandaue City:

I. SOCIAL DISTANCING, PROPER HYGIENE AND SANITATION PRACTICES

a. Strict social distancing rules and proper hygiene as well as proper respiratory etiquette shall be observed.

b. All commercial establishments including malls and groceries shall ensure strict social distancing of their employees, customers and mall goers.

c. All commercial establishments shall install at all their entrances, hand sanitizers, alcohols, and other disinfectants for free use of the public.

d. Public Markets, Supermarkets, meat shops and other similar establishments selling fresh meat, fish, fruits and vegetables are required to prohibit physical contact between the customers and the products being sold in such establishments. These establishments shall likewise implement a synchronized regular handwashing routine.

e. All restaurants, foodshops, food stalls and other establishments selling food for immediate or on-site consumption shall be required to frequently sterilize their serving equipments and utensils. Restaurants and other related establishments are required to double check food handling and food quality standards.

f. All establishments are ordered to frequently and regularly sterilize and/or sanitize writing materials, work stations including personal computers, tablets and chairs, doorknobs, railings, atm machines and other vendo machines, comfort rooms, biometric terminals, cash register and other similar objects subjected to frequent handling or touching.

g. Religious leaders and heads of religious sectors are encouraged to implement social distancing protocols during the holding of any religious activities and to discourage religious activities where public gatherings are expected.

h. Whenever possible, employees in private establishments shall be encouraged to work from home.

i. All establishment shall monitor the general health of their employees. If any of their employees exhibit any Influenza (flu) like symptoms, these employees should not be allowed to report to work and should be advised to seek immediate medical help.

j. All forms of public transportation plying Mandaue City routes shall practice social distancing protocols as provided for by the DOTr.

II. CANCELLATION AND SUSPENSION OF OPERATIONS

a. All large gatherings and assemblies are hereby cancelled.

b. All sports events, tournaments, and competitions are hereby cancelled.

c. All operation of movie houses, swimming pools, recreation centers, fitness gyms, cockpits, bars, discos/ dancing halls, live bands, karaoke lounges and other communal activity centers in Mandaue City are hereby ordered suspended until further notice.

d. Karaoke in public places shall be prohibited. Drinking in public places shall likewise be prohibited.

e. Family and social gatherings comprised of more than twenty (20) persons are discouraged.

f. Face-to-face meetings are discouraged. Alternative modes of conducting meetings such as but not limited to video conferencing and facetime are encouraged.

g. All persons are discouraged to visit patients confined in the hospitals. Non-essential visits to hospitals and clinic shall likewise be prohibited.

III. CURFEW

a. All restaurants, cafés, service (food and drink) related establishments, shopping malls, casinos and gaming establishments as well as spas, massage and beauty parlors, barber shops and internet cafes are ordered to close at 8:00 pm.

b. Internet Cafes shall limit the use of their computers and other devices to academic and educational-related activities. Gaming (online-offline) as well as video streaming and social media activities are prohibited.

c. There shall be an imposition of a city-wide curfew starting from 10:00 pm in the evening up to 5:00 am the next day.

d. Everyone is directed to stay at home during the curfew hours. Anyone caught loitering and/or outside their residence during the curfew hours shall be asked to provide identification and shall be escorted to the nearest precinct or to their residences.

e. Pharmacies, clinics, birthing centers, 24-hour grocery/convenience stores and similar establishments are exempted from the curfew.

f. Personnel charged with the delivery of goods and basic services, BPO employees as well as health personnel with valid identification and are going to or from work shall likewise be exempted from the curfew.

g. Other exemptions shall be subject to the approval of the City Mayor upon a written request.

IV. SUSPENSION OF CLASSES

- All classes as well as all school activities in all levels of both private and public schools are suspended starting March 13, 2020 until further notice.

V. ROLES OF THE CITY HEALTH OFFICER, BARANGAY CAPTAINS AND OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICES

a. The City Health Office thru the City Health Officer shall enhance the existing Influenza Like Illnesses (ILI) / Severe Acute Respiratory Infections (SARI) surveillance at all levels in order to detect early clustering of ILI/SARI.

b. All barangay captains shall immediately report to the Department of Health and the City Health Officer any new arrivals of persons from outside Cebu or any suspected case of Persons Under Monitoring coming from Metro Manila, other provinces, cities, and municipalities with a confirmed case of COVID-19.

c. The Philippine National Police and the Armed Forces of the Philippines shall assist in the implementation of this Exectuive Order.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon its issuance.

SO ORDERED.

Done this 16th day of March at Mandaue City, Philippines

JONAS C. CORTES
City Mayor